The Representative Assembly members attending the Dasara Session are requested to communicate with that officer for any information or assistance they may require in connection with accommodation, etc., at Mysore.

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, the President, Mysore City Municipal Council and the Executive Engineer, Special Division, Mysore, are requested to render all reasonable help to the officer on special duty.

B. NAGAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Law Department.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Reviews the Report on the working of the Government Presses for the year 1927-28.

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Letter No. P. 526, dated the 15th August 1928, from the Superintendent, Government Printing, submitting the report on the working of the Government Presses, the *Mysore Gazette* Office and the Office of the Registrar of Authorised Publications for the year 1927-28.

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Recorded.

2. *Superintendence and Establishment.*—Mr. B. Puttaiya continued to be Superintendent throughout the year. The appointment of a Probationer for being trained in printing was sanctioned during the year. There were 400 paid employees in the Central Press and 99 in the Branch Press at the close of the year. Of these, 132 in the Central Press and 61 in the Branch Press were on a fixed scale of pay and the rest on piece-work wages.

3. *Plant.*—The total net value of the plant at the Central Press and the Branch Press at the beginning of the year was Rs. 3,38,586-1-2. Additions to the value of Rs. 22,339-4-4 were made to the plant of both the Presses during the year. Fourteen thousand eight hundred and thirty-three pounds of type valued at Rs. 11,276-9-2 were cast and taken to stock as against 12,810 lbs. of the value of Rs. 6,630-0-0 in the previous year. The value of the plant at the end of the year after allowing for depreciation was Rs. 3,36,623-8-6.

4. *Expenditure.*—The expenditure on the Government Central Press rose from Rs. 1,51,554-3-7 in the previous year to Rs. 1,61,028-4-0 during the year under review.

5. *Outturn of Work.*—The total number of pages of various sizes composed in the Central Press was 72,570 as against 58,411 in the previous year. The cost for composing amounted to Rs. 66,155-10-10 as against Rs. 64,940-15-7 in the previous year. The total number of impressions printed was 28,732,498 as against 24,237,297 in the previous year. The total number of books bound during the year was 9,59,089 as against 9,55,511 in the previous year. The total cost of the works executed for the University, the Railway and the Electrical Departments amounted to Rs. 24,501-15-0, and that for the Education Department to Rs. 25,876-9-0. A Kannada work of the Oriental Library entitled "Saraswathi Vilasa", a Sanskrit work on Astrology, *viz.*, "Brihat Jataka" and 17 books of the Education Department including four books in Urdu were printed at the Branch Press during the year.

6. *Gazette.*—The realisations from subscriptions and advertisements, etc., amounted to Rs. 14,587-9-4 as against Rs. 10,819-4-3 in the previous year. The total expenditure was Rs. 43,680-1-3. The receipts work up to 33·4 per cent of the expenditure as against 26 per cent in the previous year. The number of copies of the

English Gazette issued free was 1,140 as against 1,073 in the previous year. Measures for increasing the usefulness of the Kannada Gazette by publishing in it all matter appearing in the English Gazette are under the active consideration of Government.

7. *Registration of Books.*—The number of books and periodicals registered during the year under report was 238 as against 241 in the previous year. Copyright was secured on 56 of these books.

8. *General.*—The vocational classes in Printing and Book-binding for High School students and the Printing School for training Press employees were continued during the year.

The Superintendent was deputed in April last to visit some of the important printing establishment at Poona, Bombay and Hyderabad. He has been asked to submit separate proposals based on the results of his visit, for the improvement of the working of the Presses. The proposals submitted by the Superintendent for the installation of a Photo-zinco plant and a Half-tone block making plant at the Government Central Press, Bangalore, are engaging the attention of Government.

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